

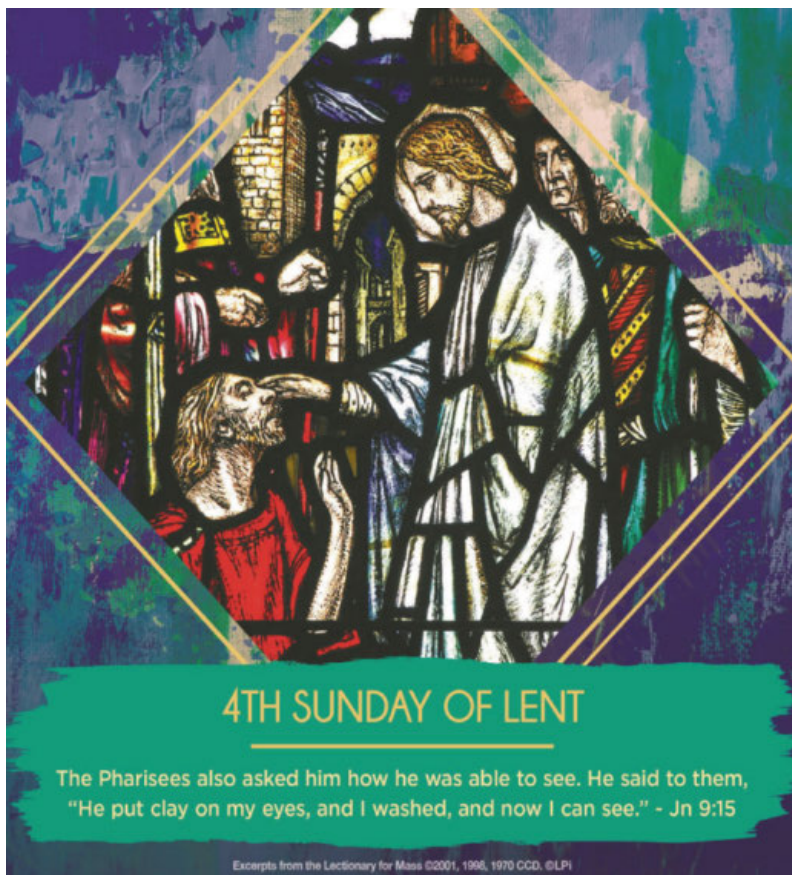


# St. Ignatius

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Father John Meyer, Pastor



## 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see." - Jn 9:15

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## Easter Flower Donations

If you would like to remember someone with a donation to the Easter Flower Fund, please do so by **Sunday, April 2nd** for inclusion of their names in the Easter bulletin. Thank you for beautifying our sanctuary!

You can use the special envelope (if you receive envelope bundles) and returning it to the parish office or in the collection basket. You can also label a blank envelope with "Easter Flowers" and include a name if donating in memory/honor of someone. If you prefer to donate online, visit [www.stignatiusmn.com](http://www.stignatiusmn.com). Use the "online giving" tab, select a one-time donation, choose "Easter Flowers" for the fund, and enter the name if donating in memory/honor of someone.



## Weekly Meditation

*He opened my eyes. (John 9:30)*

Today's Gospel seems to be a simple miracle story. But it contains rich insight for us if we, like the blind man, allow Jesus to open our eyes.

Notice that this man was *born* blind. He had never been able to see his mother's face or the light of a sunrise. For his entire life, he saw only darkness, and his condition was considered incurable.

Since we were born with the blindness of original sin, we can all identify with the challenges this man faced. Just as his physical blindness made it difficult for him to live in freedom and independence, so our spiritual blindness causes us to struggle to find our way to God. We lack the light to walk in love and holiness, and God can seem distant to us.

Jesus spotted the man in his isolation and suffering and reached out to him (John 9:1). He applied mud to his eyes and told him to wash in the pool of Siloam. Suddenly, this man, who had never seen anything before, "came back able to see" (9:7). He could see his parents and the streets of Jerusalem—as well as the mockers who disputed his healing. Best of all, he saw Jesus! And although it took time, he came to recognize Jesus as the Lord and worshipped him (9:38).

Just as Jesus healed this man of his blindness, he has washed *you* clean of sin and healed your spiritual blindness in the waters of Baptism. No more stumbling in darkness—you have Jesus, the Light of the World, to guide you! No more hiding in shame over your sin—you are forgiven! No more isolation—you are a child of God and a member of his family! You may experience some lingering effects of sin, but Jesus offers you an opportunity to see more clearly each and every day. In time, he will overcome *all* your darkness.

Rejoice: Jesus has opened your eyes!

*"Thank you, Lord, for your grace. I was blind, but now I see."*

The Word Among Us - March 2023 Edition

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm**

**Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am**

## Ministry Schedule

### Saturday, March 25th @ 5:00pm

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Magner

**Altar Servers:** Michael and Ethan Millner

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Jerry and Deb Goodale

**Greeter:** Greg and Audrey Roth

**Lector:** Isaac Millner

**Sacristan:** Connie Nelson

**Ushers:** Mike Zuehlke, Mark Logeais, Loren Frappier, and Ron Mares

### Sunday, March 26th @ 8:30 am

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Magner

**Altar Servers:** Alex and Coady Dircks

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Renee Logeais and Tom Gay

**Greeter:** Peter and Jen Braun

**Lector:** Janet Braun

**Live Stream:** Brent Danzeisen

**Sacristan:** Renee Logeais

**Ushers:** Steve Logeais, Jerry Elsenpeter, Dan Oliver, and Doug Zachman

### Sunday, March 26th @ 10:30 am

**Celebrant:** Fr. Kevin Magner

**Alter Servers:** Wyatt and Wesson Reich

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Julie Sedey and Red Petersen

**Greeter:** Craig Arends

**Lector:** Jessica Chapman

**Sacristan:** Jerry Polaschek

**Ushers:** Josh Paumen, Roger Millner, John and Christine West



Friday, March 17– Sunday, March 19:

Forty Hours for Our Lord

Wednesday, March 22: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Sunday, March 26: Donut Sunday

Wednesday, March 29: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 30: Eucharistic Adoration  
8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Sunday, April 2: Palm Sunday

Wednesday, April 5: Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm

Thursday, April 6: Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7: Good Friday Service 7:00 pm

Saturday, April 8: Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil 8:00 pm

Sunday, April 9: Easter Sunday 8:30 am and 10:30 am

Sunday, April 16: Divine Mercy Sunday

Saturday, April 29: Confirmation Send Off Mass

Sunday, April 30: Donut Sunday

Sunday, May 7: First Communion 10:30 Mass

Thursday, May 11: Confirmation

(St. Paul Cathedral) 7:00 pm

# Community News

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## 40 Hours for Our Lord Happening Now

St. Ignatius and St. Timothy Church are coming together in prayer with a special forty-hour of continuous prayer and adoration this weekend (March 17– 19th). It will begin at St. Timothy's on Friday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM, move to St. Ignatius Church on Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:45 PM and conclude at St. Ignatius Church on Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM with a Holy Mass with Father Victor Valencia. The event will also include guest speaker Father Sebastian Walshe, from St. Michael's Abbey, CA. at 10:00 AM, 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM on Saturday and 11:30 AM on Sunday. A spaghetti dinner will be provided by the CCW after the 4:00 PM Mass on Sunday at St. Ignatius. Please consider joining in prayer by committing to an hour of adoration at St. Timothy's or St. Ignatius as we are planning for one member from each parish to attend each hour of the 40 hours. Sign-ups are available in the gathering space or by calling the Parish Office at 320-274-8828. For a detailed schedule and more information visit [www.stignatiusmn.com](http://www.stignatiusmn.com)

**Please join the procession to help light the way for Our Lord.** To light the way for Our Lord's arrival from Saint Timothy to Saint Ignatius on Saturday, March 18th, we will have candles available for all to hold in the Church and the Gathering Space as the Monstrance is processed to the St. Ignatius altar. The Blessed Sacrament will arrive at St. Ignatius following the 5 PM Mass (approximately 5:45 PM).

## 2023 High School Graduates and Families

2023 graduates and families are invited to the Senior Baccalaureate Graduation Mass on May 14<sup>th</sup> at the 8:30 AM Mass followed by a breakfast and guest speaker in the dining hall. If you are a graduate and have not received a "save the date" in the mail please contact the parish office. Thank you!

## CCW Sponsored Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for two 2023 CCW sponsored \$750 scholarship towards post secondary education. High school graduating young ladies from St. Ignatius may apply online at [www.stignatiusmn.com/ccw](http://www.stignatiusmn.com/ccw). Scholarship will be awarded at our senior baccalaureate graduation Mass and breakfast May 14. Application deadline May 1, 2023.

## Knights of Columbus Scholarships

Applications are now being accepted for the 2023 Post-Secondary scholarships. The Knights of Columbus will be awarding two, \$750 scholarships for this year's graduating seniors who are parish members at St Ignatius or St Timothy. Please check the parish website for the applications in the documents, or email John Northenscold at [jnorthenscold@yahoo.com](mailto:jnorthenscold@yahoo.com) to request an application. The deadline to submit your completed application is Friday, April 7.

## Youth Ministry

Our annual summer camp, Extreme Faith Camp registration, for teens in 6th-12th grade, is now live. Space is limited, so sign up soon not to miss it. See Bernie for fund-raising opportunities or questions.

We are improving our youth room space and can use your help! We are looking for donations of: Foosball table (used and in good condition), LARGE bean bags, and a small bar we can refurbish or someone to build a small wooden coffee "bar". If you can help, contact Bernie Gauthe or send a donation marked "Youth Room Update". Thank you for your generosity!

## Meals on Wheels

St. Ignatius is responsible for **April Meals on Wheels Delivery**. Shifts are Monday thru Friday, beginning at 11:15. Routes take approximately 45 minutes. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Jen Filek at 612-743-9108.





## CCW Corner

Needed: a new team of 4 for the St. Ignatius Council of Catholic Women  
Description: You will share in the leadership of CCW to learn, grow in your faith and support each other part of an officer team.

Prayerfully consider becoming a part of our officer team of 4 to maintain the leadership and survival of our local CCW.

Notes: 2 year term, 4 meetings/year

The next CCW meeting is April 13 where the next officer team will be introduced. Official turnover will be in July.

Please call Sue Hughes ASAP with questions. (320-963- 6019)

**Mission Statement:** The Council of Catholic Women acts through its members to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service, responding with the Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world.

Larry Oberg	Reanna Braun
Joseph Niznik	Barb Wiegand
Mike Meyer	Lynnae Frappier
Anna Purcell	Jaden Hanson
Lynnea Stay	Nick Mares
Katelyn Busch	Dan Schultz
Herman Wittsack	Louise Borstad
Mary Wittsack	Wayne Dearing
Mary Danielson	Ron Hoffman
Mark Johnson	Ronda O'Brien
Paul DeMars	Russ Fortner
Julie Pelarski	James Utecht
Sally Phenow	Jack Driste

Prayer requests and Mass intentions  
can be made through the Parish Office

## SECOND COLLECTION: Global Solidarity Sunday— This Weekend

This weekend is Global Solidarity Sunday as we celebrate "...I was blind and now I see" (Jn 9:25). This is an invitation to share God's light of love in solidarity with your brothers and sisters overseas. We are invited to offer gifts of support, an expression of Lenten almsgiving, by contributing to this collection for four global initiatives designated by the U.S. Catholic Bishops: the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, Africa, Latin America, as well as humanitarian activities of Catholic Relief Services. Please be as generous as you are able and share the love of God with your brothers and sisters overseas. There will be a second collection this weekend. Envelopes are available in the gathering space and may also be returned to the parish office.

## Save the Date - Guest Speaker Coming to St. Ignatius

The Adult Faith Formation Team has invited Alyssa Bormes; author, speaker, theology teacher and retreat leader to speak on Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Mark your calendars and look for more information in the upcoming weeks ahead.

## Early Bulletin Deadlines:

April 1/2 Bulletin— Submit requests by noon on March 23rd

April 7/8 Bulletin— Submit requests by noon on March 30th

## Quilt Bingo

Join the St. Timothy CCW for Quilt Bingo! It will be held at St. Timothy's Catholic School, 215 Division Street East in Maple Lake, MN on Sunday March 26, 2023 at 1:00 pm. There will be two special games, raffles, and door prizes!

## Readings for the week of March 19, 2023

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/  
Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

Monday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18,  
22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45  
or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 18th**

5:00 pm Paul DeMars

**Sunday, March 19th**

8:30 am † James, Beatrice, and Jerry Bruns

10:30 am Parishioners

**Monday, March 20th**

6:00 pm † Carol Ann Theisen

**Tuesday, March 21st**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Wednesday, March 22nd**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Thursday, March 23rd**

8:00 am Parishioners

**Friday, March 24th**

No Daily Mass at St. Ignatius. Mass available at  
St. Timothy's in Maple Lake (8:00 AM)

**Saturday, March 25th**

5:00 pm † Michael Earley

**Sunday, March 26th**

8:30 am † Jeanne Roth

10:30 am Parishioners



Projected weekly giving ..... \$5,890.00  
492 parish families

Envelopes..... \$3,411.00

Plate ..... \$345.00

Auto Deposits ..... \$1,765.00

**Total.....\$5,521.00**

Easter Flowers ..... \$355.00

Food for Kidz ..... \$1,047.60

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**Faith Formation Information**

Director: **Anastacia Schnabel** anastacia@stignatiusmn.com

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Hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., 9am-1pm - Wed., 11am to 9 pm

Youth Minister: **Bernie Gauthé** bernie@stignatiusmn.com

Hours: Wed. 2:00 pm– 9:00 pm, Thurs 8:00 am– 12:30 pm

**Mass Schedule**

Saturday Mass - 5:00 pm

Sunday Masses - 8:30 am and 10:30 am

8:30 Mass is live streamed on the parish Facebook page  
and You Tube channel

**Daily Mass**

Mondays 6:00 pm, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays

8:00 am (No Daily Mass on Fridays)

**Reconciliation**

4:30 pm Saturday (one-half hour prior to Saturday  
Mass)

**Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament**

Last Thursday of the month, 8:30 am - 7:00 pm

## Sacraments

**Baptisms**

Please contact the parish at least two months in advance of the baptism. Baptismal classes are held the 2nd Tuesday of February, May, August, and November. Parents are required to attend this class before the baptism. Baptisms are scheduled through the parish office 274-8828 ext. 100

**Marriage**

Please contact the pastor at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date.

**Homebound Ministry**

If you or someone you know would like one of our home visitors to stop by your residence for companionship, prayer, or have communion brought to you, please call or email the parish to make arrangements (contact information above)

**Bulletin Deadline**

Submit by Tuesdays at noon, any early deadlines will be noted in the bulletin



**The Solemnity of St. Joseph is usually celebrated on March 19, but has been transferred to March 20 since the liturgy of the Lenten Sundays take precedence.**

St. Joseph was an ordinary manual laborer although descended from the royal house of David. In the designs of Providence he was destined to become the spouse of the Mother of God. His high privilege is expressed in a single phrase, "Foster-father of Jesus." About him Sacred Scripture has little more to say than that he was a just man—an expression which indicates how faithfully he fulfilled his high trust of protecting and guarding God's greatest treasures upon earth, Jesus and Mary.

The darkest hours of his life may well have been those when he first learned of Mary's pregnancy; but precisely in this time of trial Joseph showed himself great. His suffering, which likewise formed a part of the work of the redemption, was not without great providential import: Joseph was to be, for all times, the trustworthy witness of the Messiah's virgin birth. After this, he modestly retires into the background of holy Scripture.

Of St. Joseph's death the Bible tells us nothing. There are indications, however, that he died before the beginning of Christ's public life. His was the most beautiful death that one could have, in the arms of Jesus and Mary. Humbly and unknown, he passed his years at Nazareth, silent and almost forgotten he remained in the background through centuries of Church history. Only in more recent times has he been accorded greater honor. Liturgical veneration of St. Joseph began in the fifteenth century, fostered by Sts. Brigid of Sweden and Bernadine of Siena. St. Teresa, too, did much to further his cult.

At present there are two major feasts in his honor. On March 19 our veneration is directed to him personally and to his part in the work of redemption, while on May 1 we honor him as the patron of workmen throughout the world and as our guide in the difficult matter of establishing equitable norms regarding obligations and rights in the social order.

—Excerpted from *The Church's Year of Grace*, Pius Parsch

### **Payer to St. Joseph— Pope Saint Pius X**

Glorious Saint Joseph, model of all who are devoted to labor, obtain for me the grace to work in the spirit of penance in expiation of my many sins; to work conscientiously by placing love of duty above my inclinations; to gratefully and joyously deem it an honor to employ and to develop by labor the gifts I have received from God, to work methodically, peacefully, and in moderation and patience, without ever shrinking from it through weariness or difficulty to work; above all, with purity of intention and unselfishness, having unceasingly before my eyes death and the account I have to render of time lost, talents unused, good not done, and vain complacency in success, so baneful to the work of God. All for Jesus, all for Mary, all to imitate thee, O patriarch Saint Joseph! This shall be my motto for life and eternity.



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